

My name is Janna Pryce and I am a concerned citizen from Connecticut.

I am writing you to ask for your support of Raised Senate Bill 354, a bill that will create a music therapy license in Connecticut . This bill is important because it will allow Connecticut citizens to more easily access music therapy services, and it will protect the public by ensuring that these services are provided by trained and qualified practitioners.

Please note that my support of licensure for music therapy is dependent on some language changes which have been submitted as written testimony by Jennifer Sokira on behalf of the CT Task Force.

These changes ensure that the license is reflective of current board certification requirements in music therapy and is not limiting to the practices of Board Certified Music Therapists currently in CT.

I have been a Board Certified Music Therapist since 1998 and have worked primarily with individuals who have developmental delays, multiple disabilities, or neurological impairments. I have seen these young people develop, acquire, and maintain skills through the use of music. Music-based experiences provide motivation and enjoyment for my students as they practice fine motor, gross motor, and communication skills. In addition, music is a medium which anyone can use at their own level. In the past twenty years, I have worked alongside occupational, physical, and speech therapists who can also attest to the power of music in helping individuals meet their potential and participate in their educational and therapeutic program. Music also serves as a powerful means of fostering self-expression and self-esteem.

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote “yes” on Raised Senate Bill 354!

Sincerely,

Janna Pryce, MT-BC